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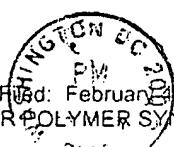
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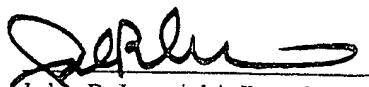
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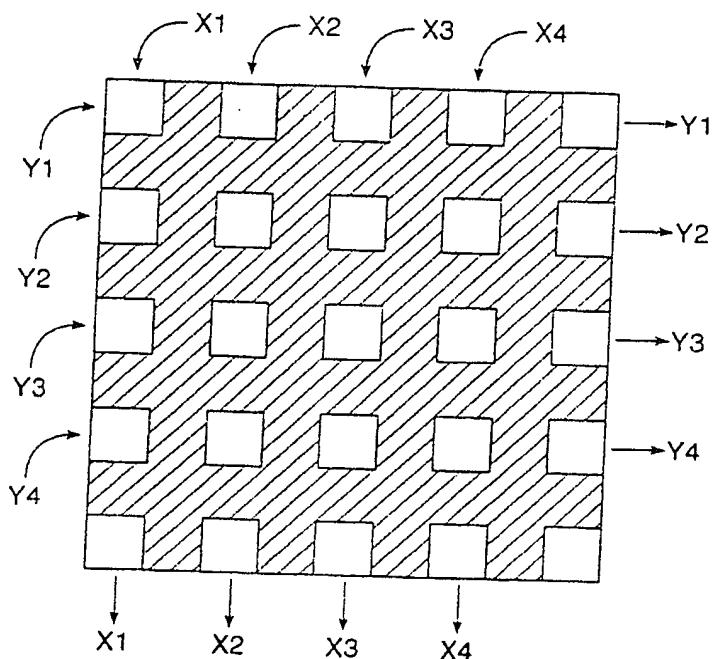


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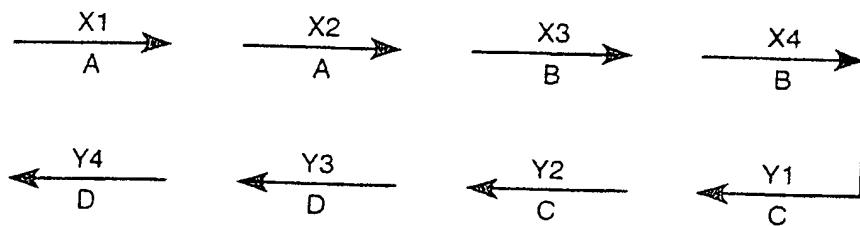


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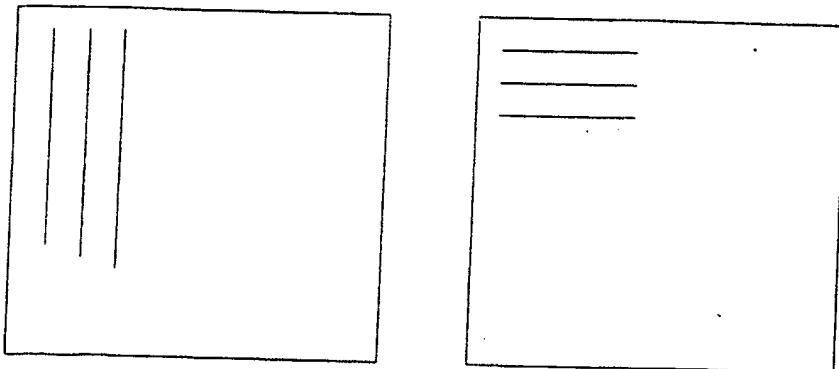


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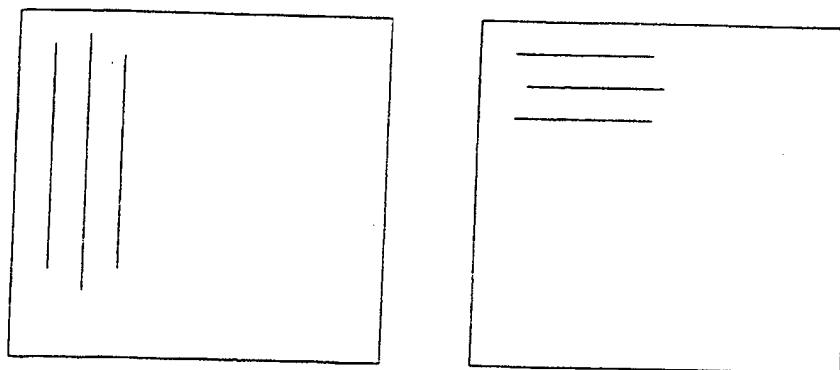


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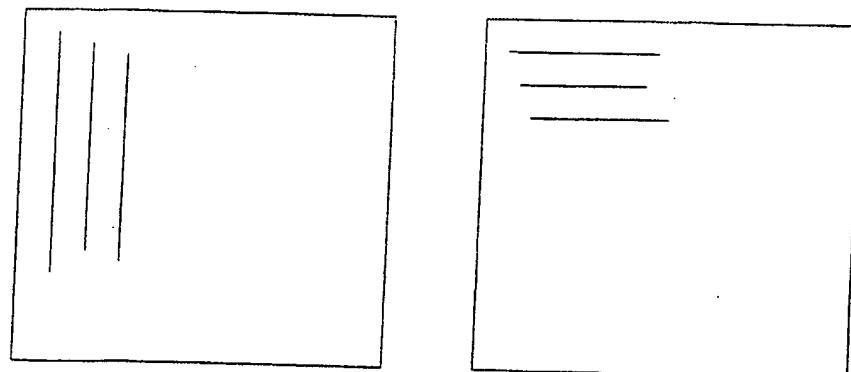


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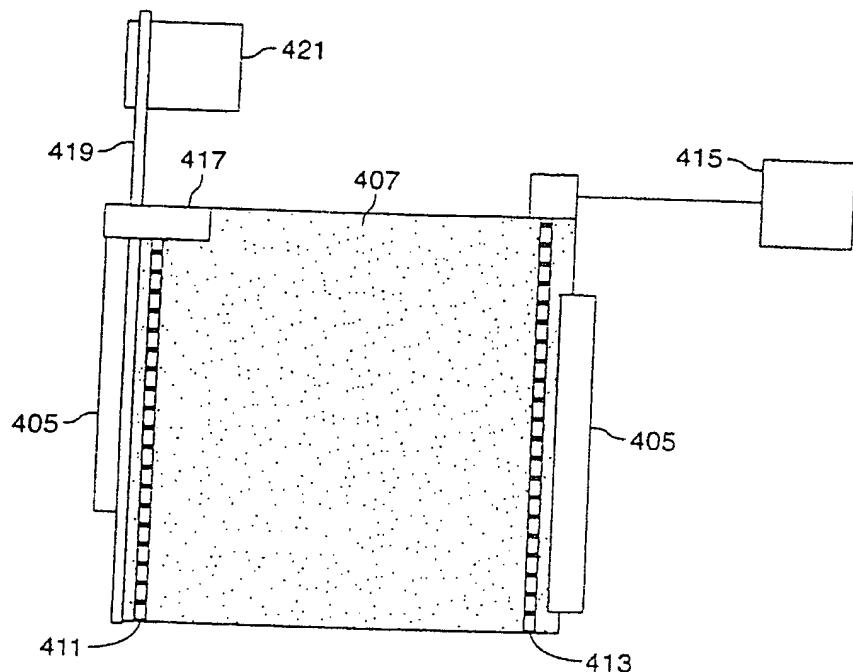


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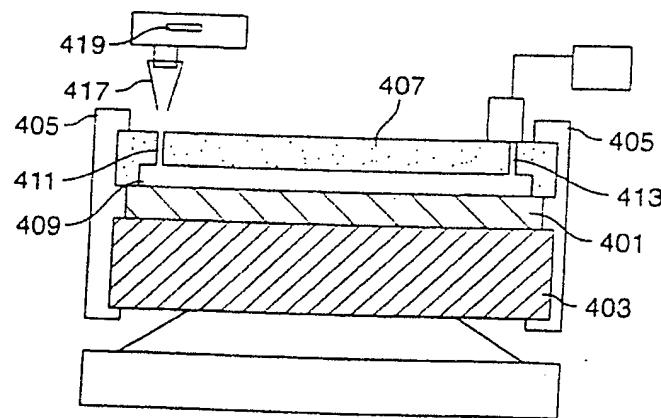


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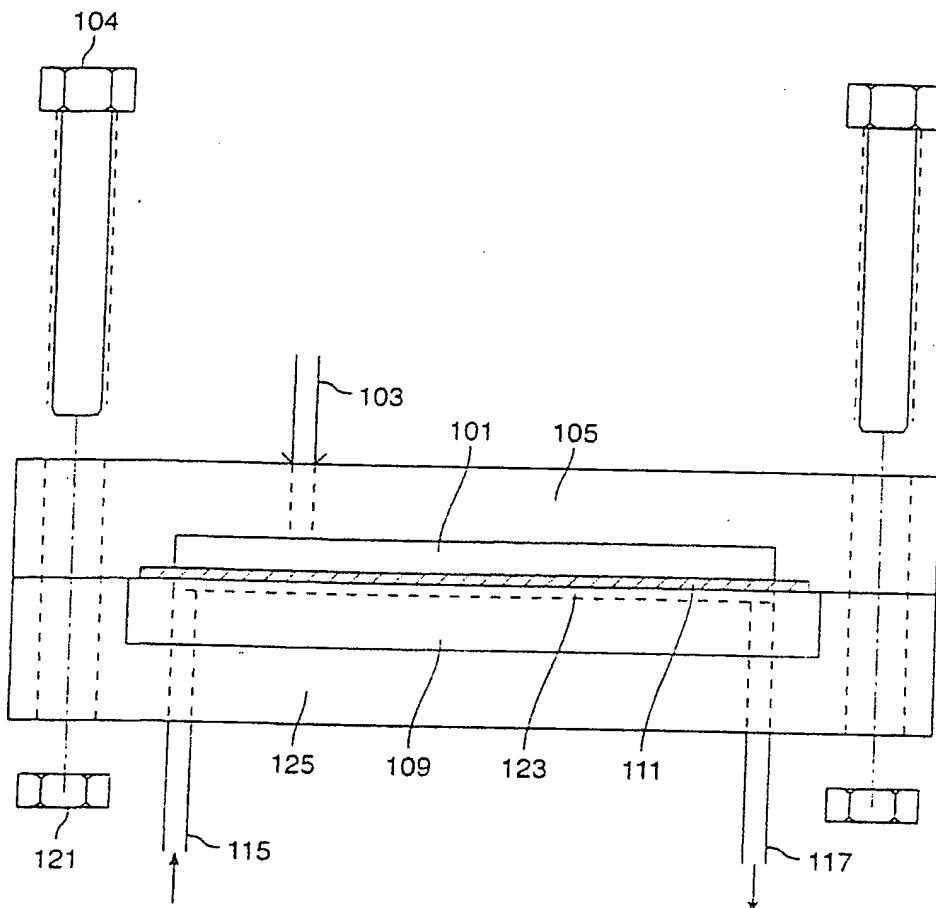


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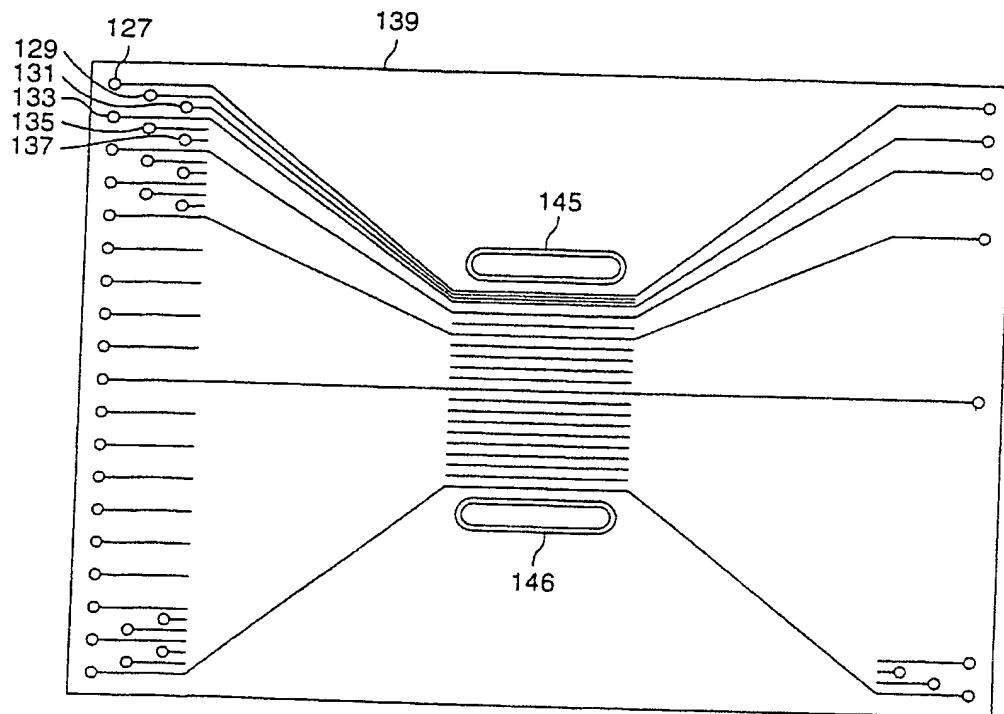


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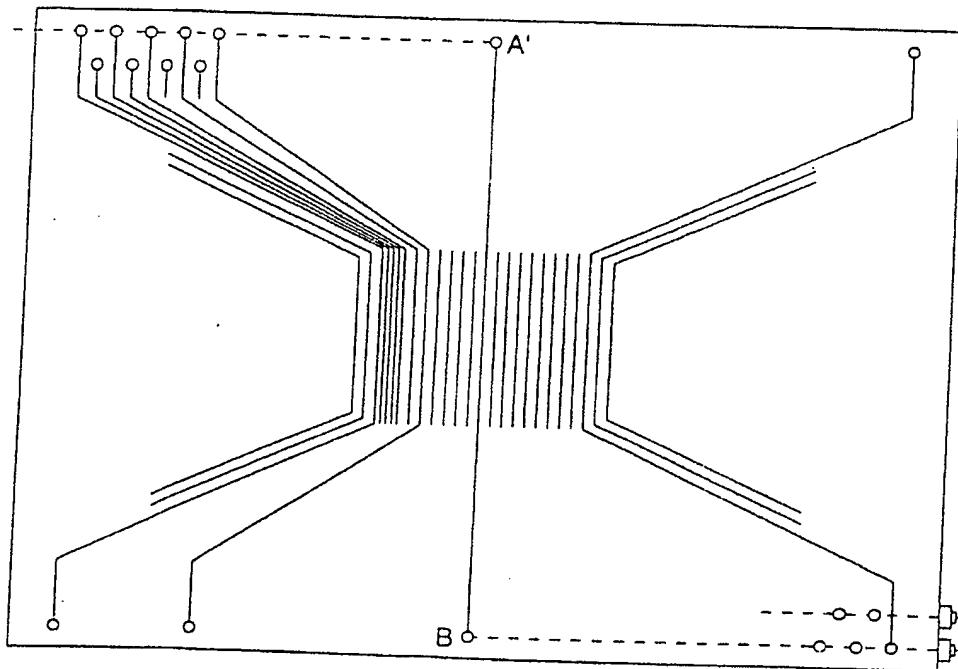


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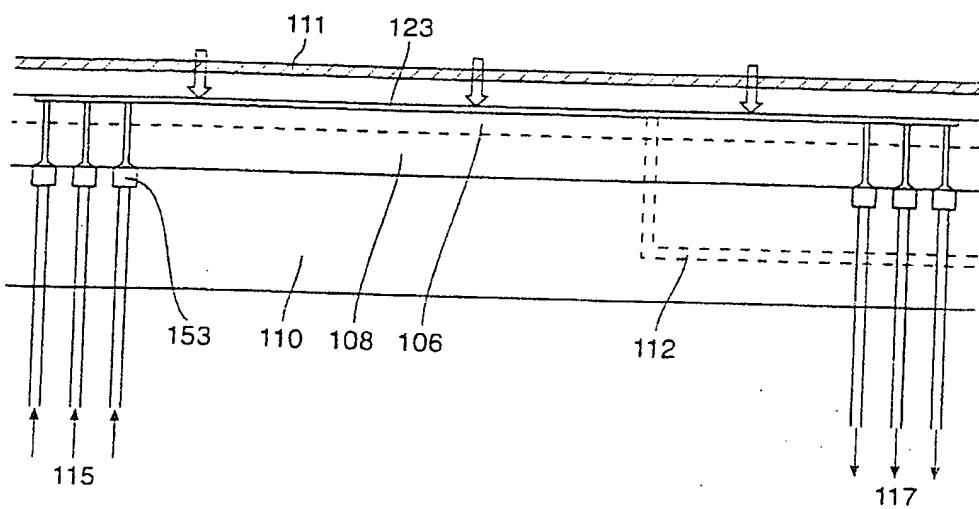


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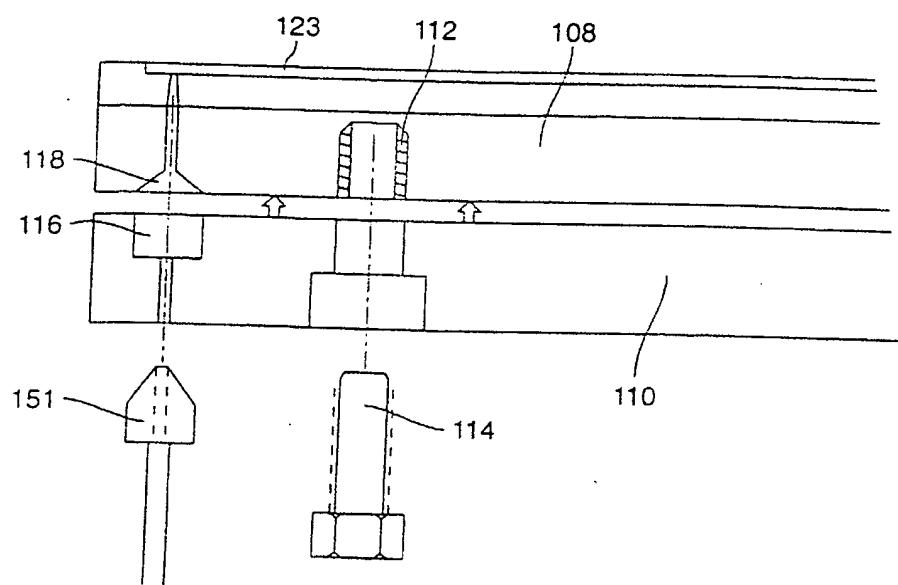


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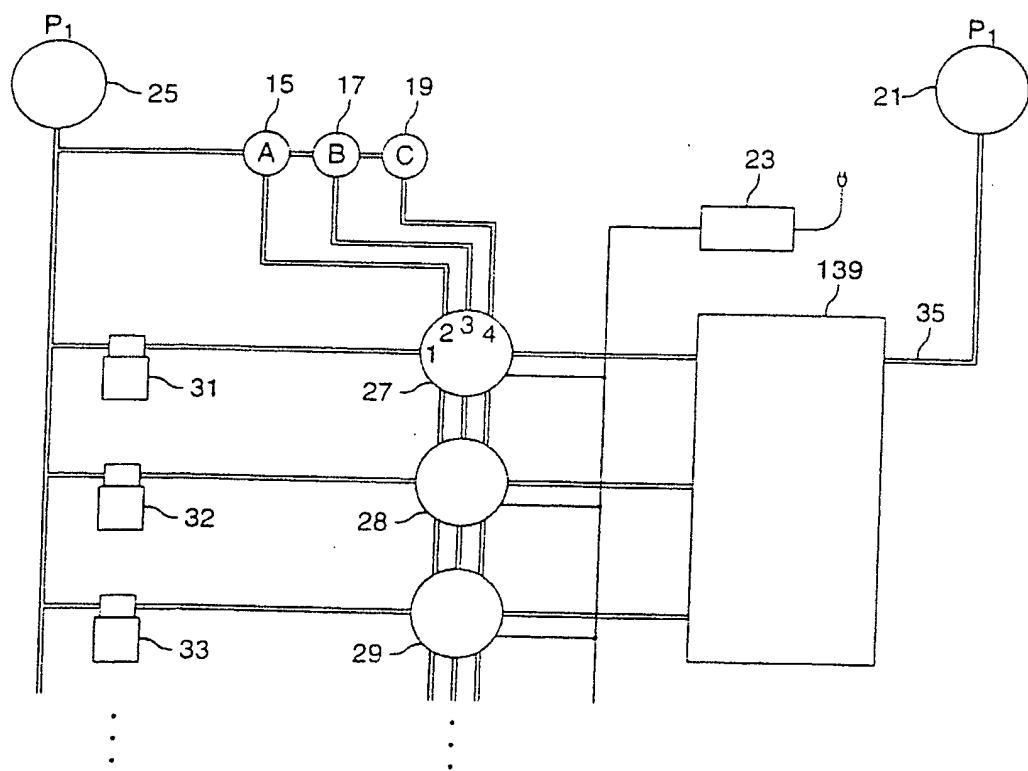


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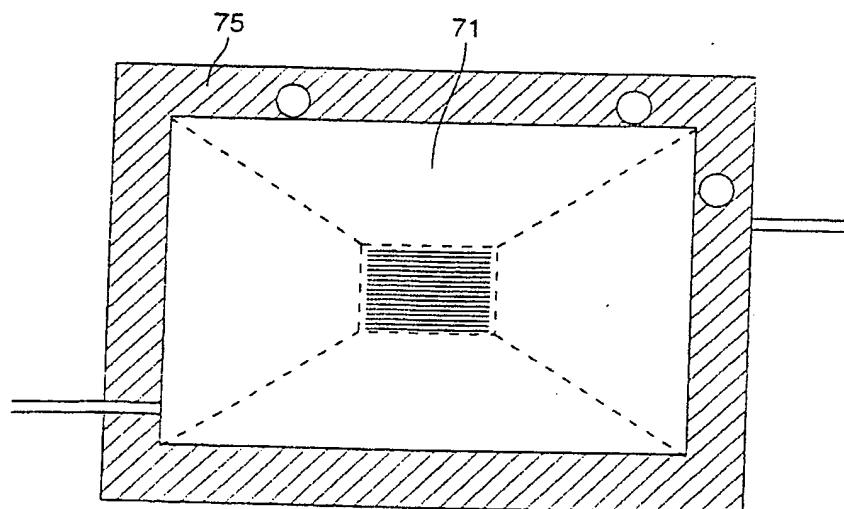


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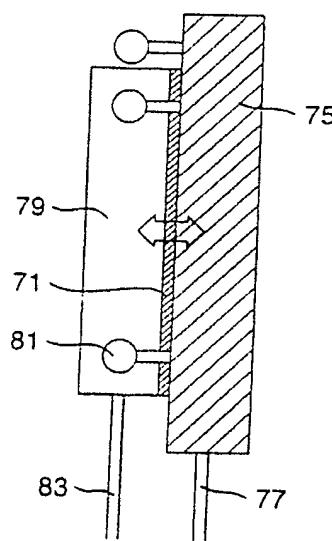


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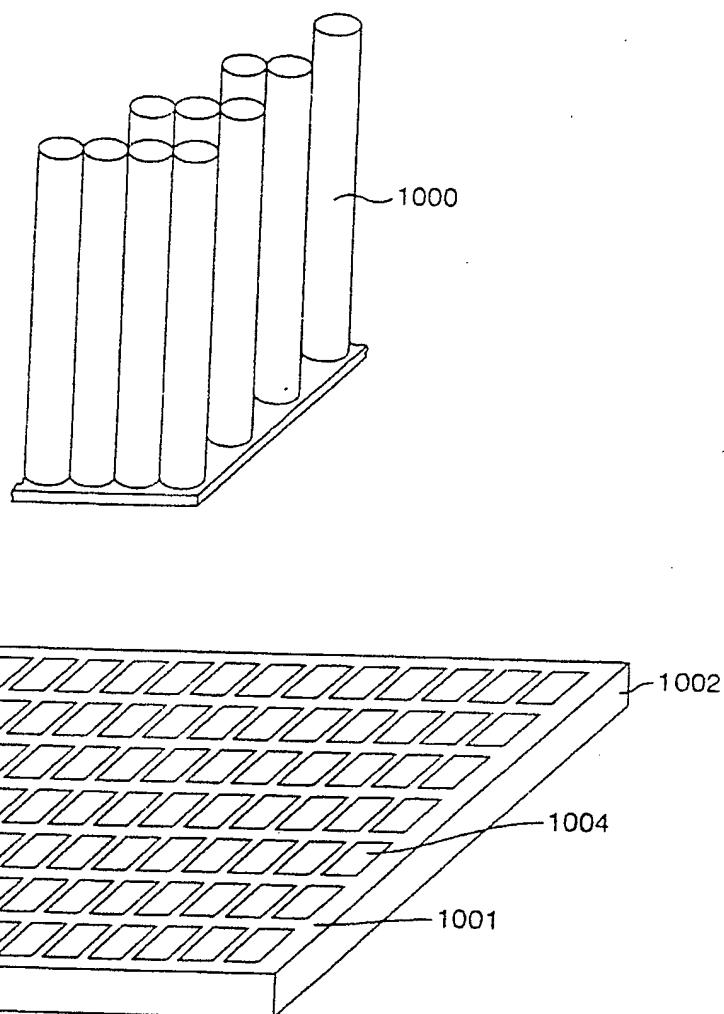


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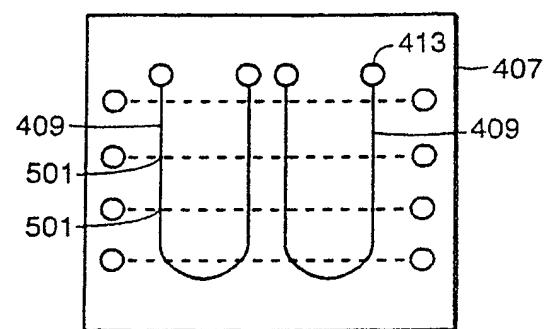


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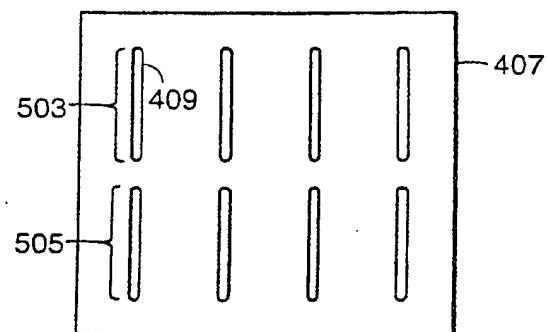
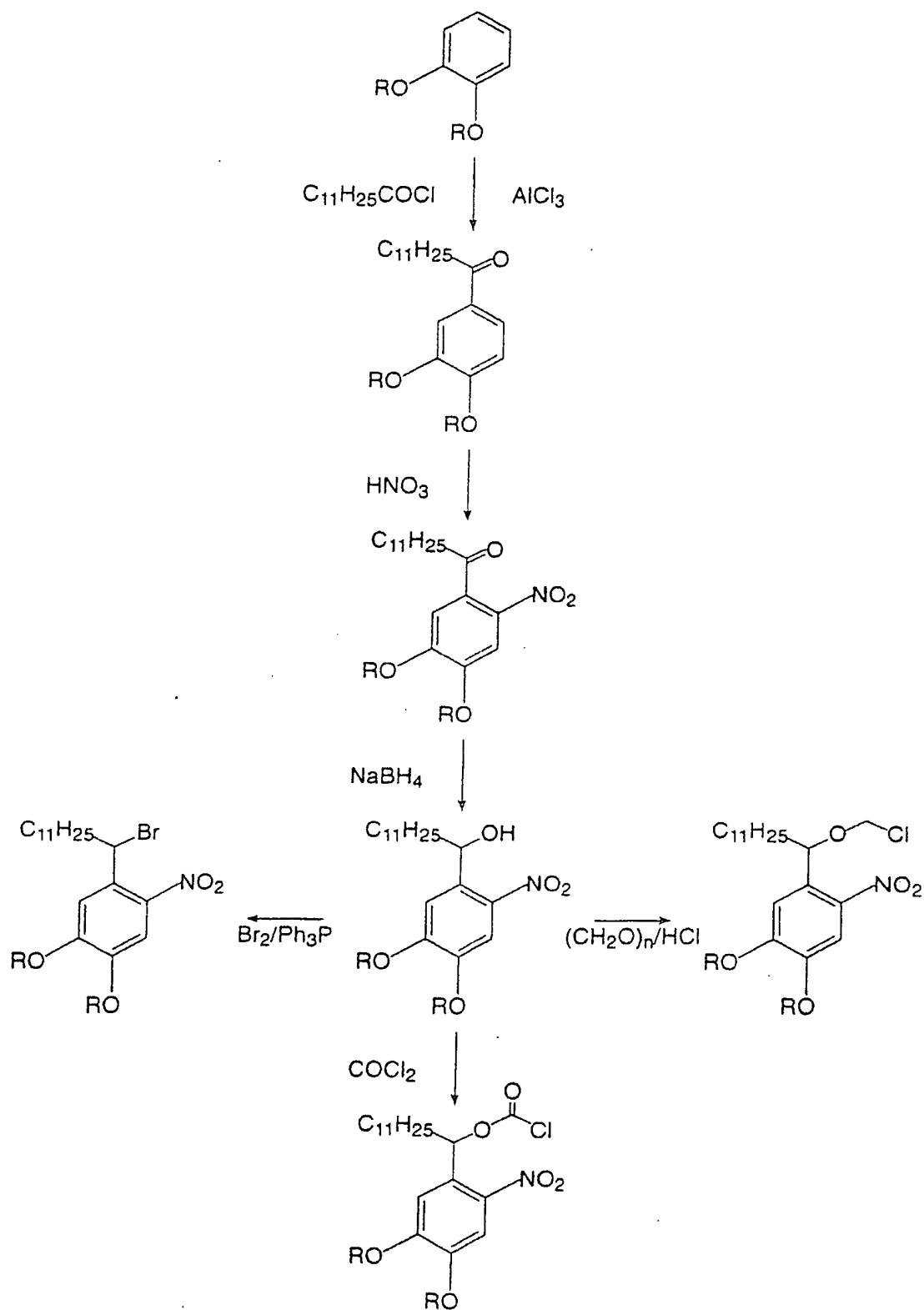


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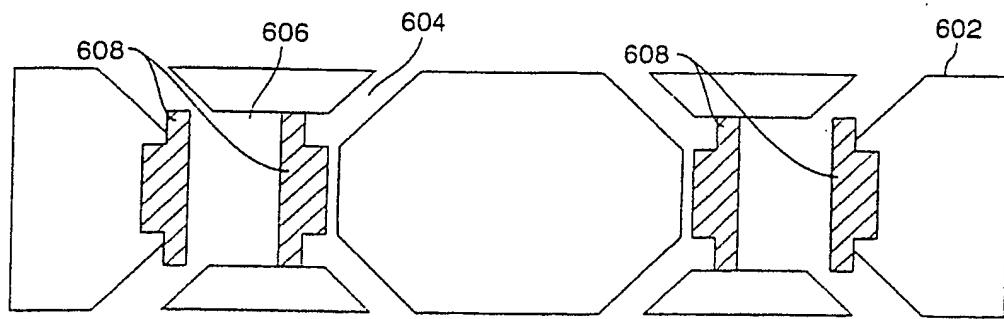


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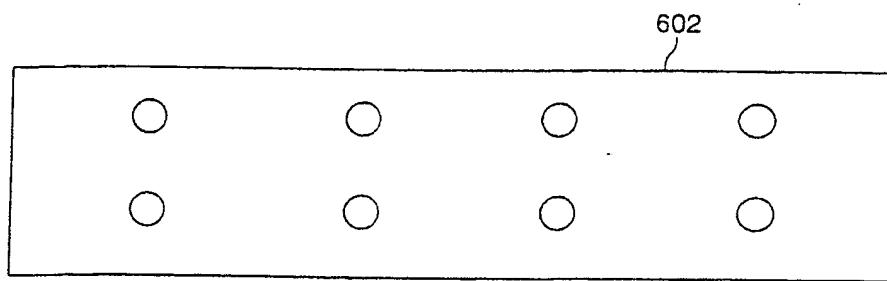


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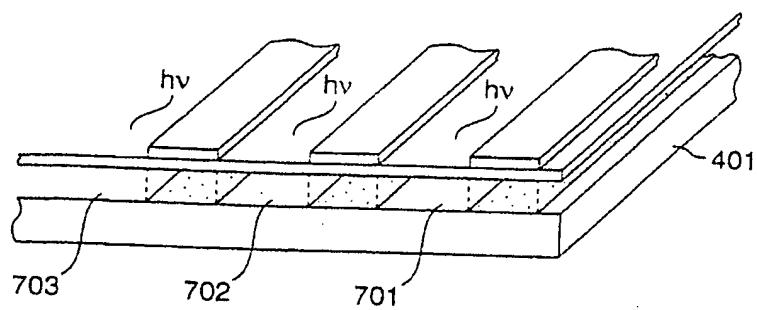


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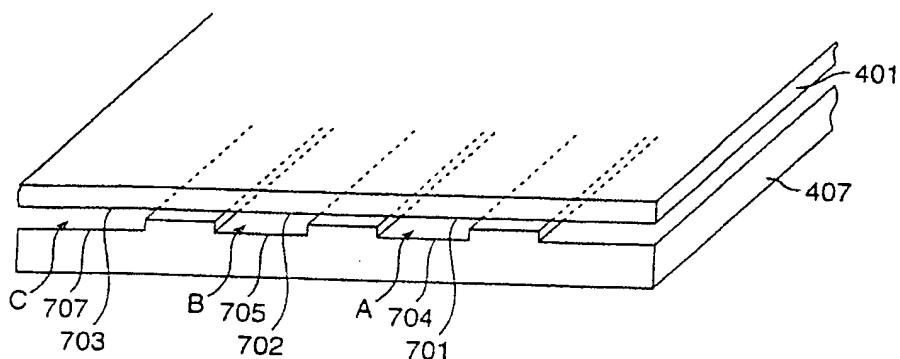


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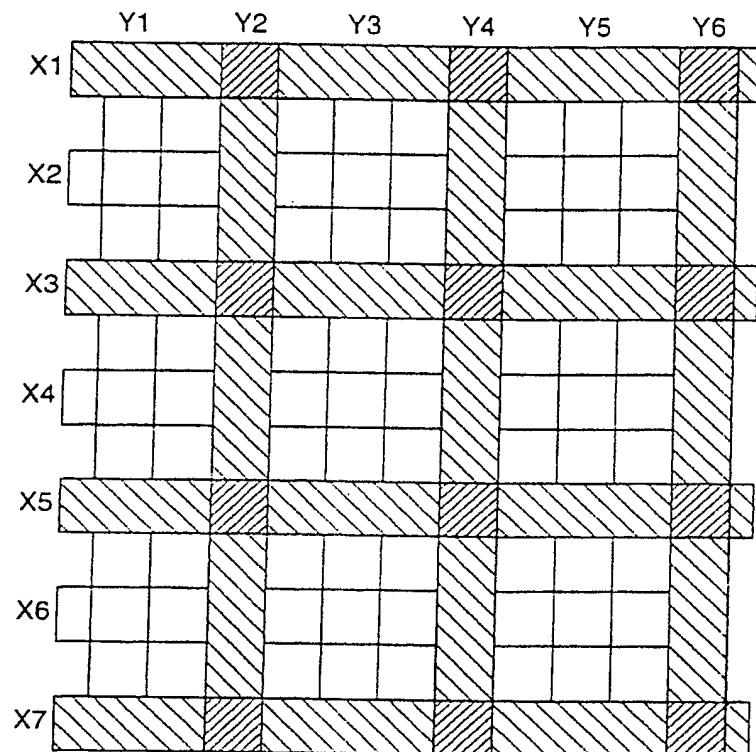


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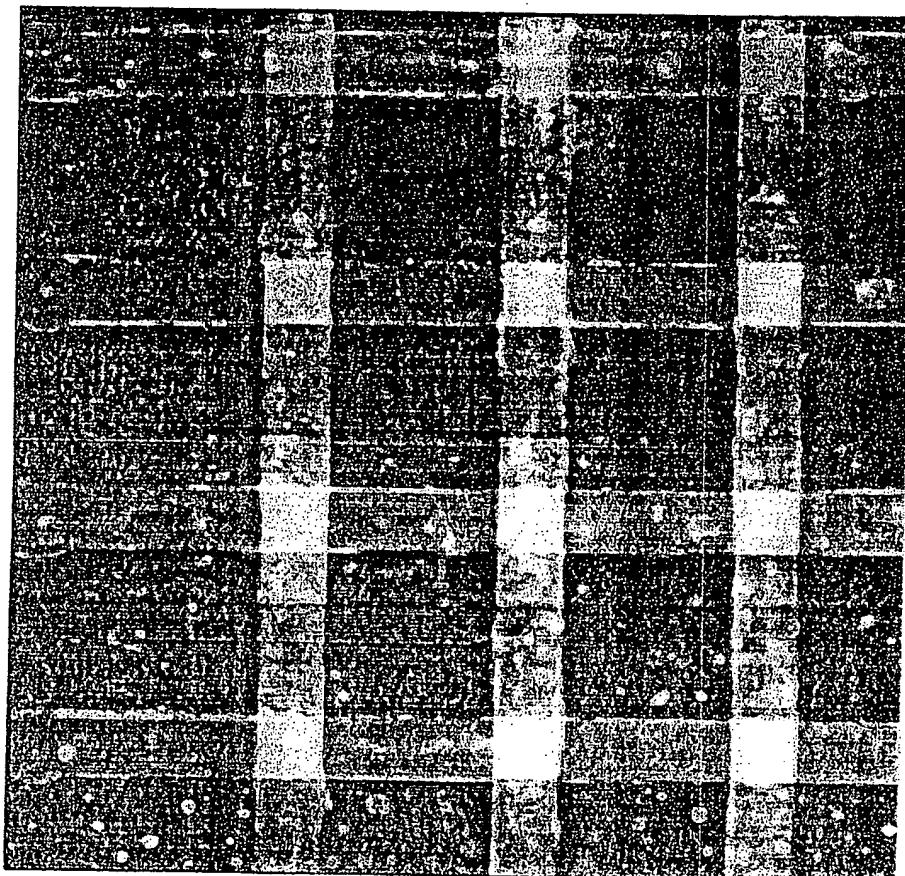


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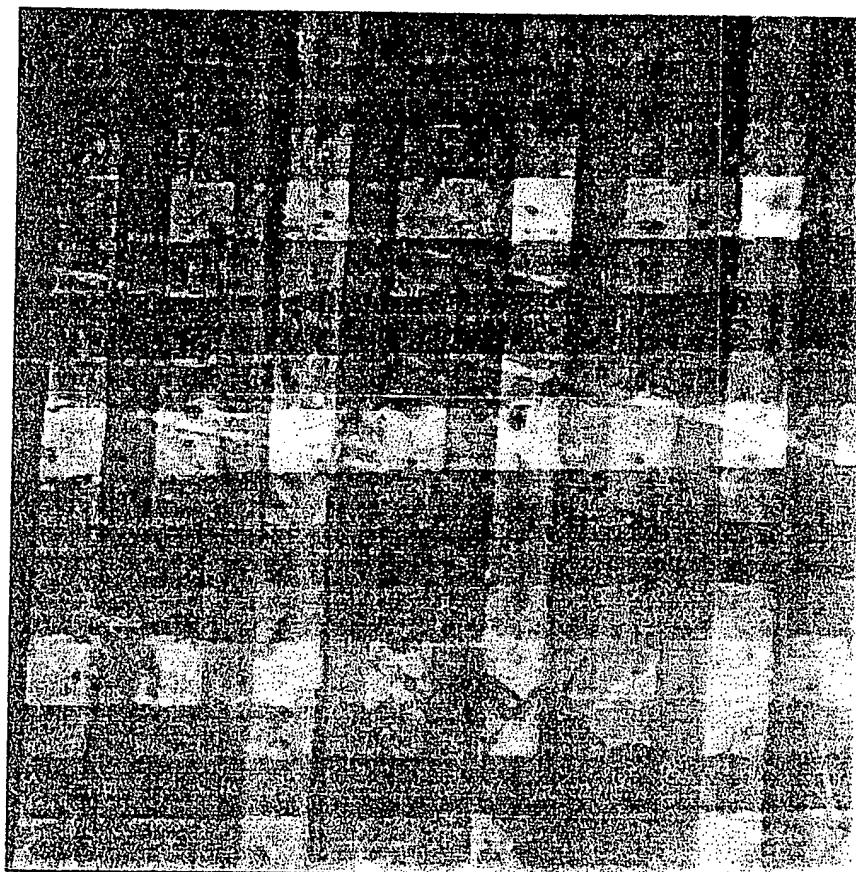


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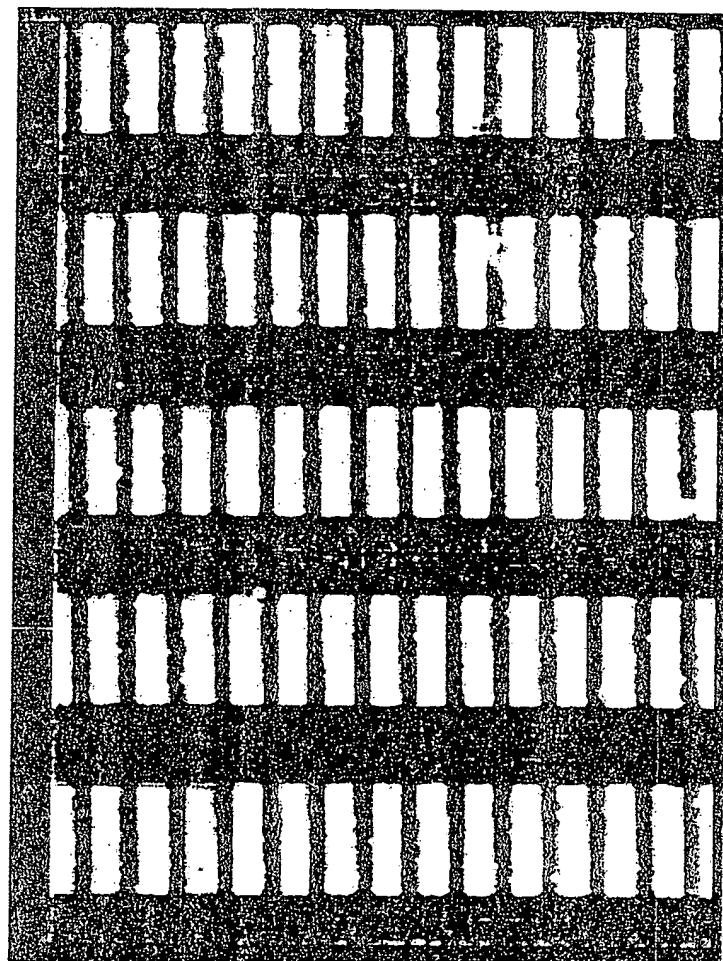


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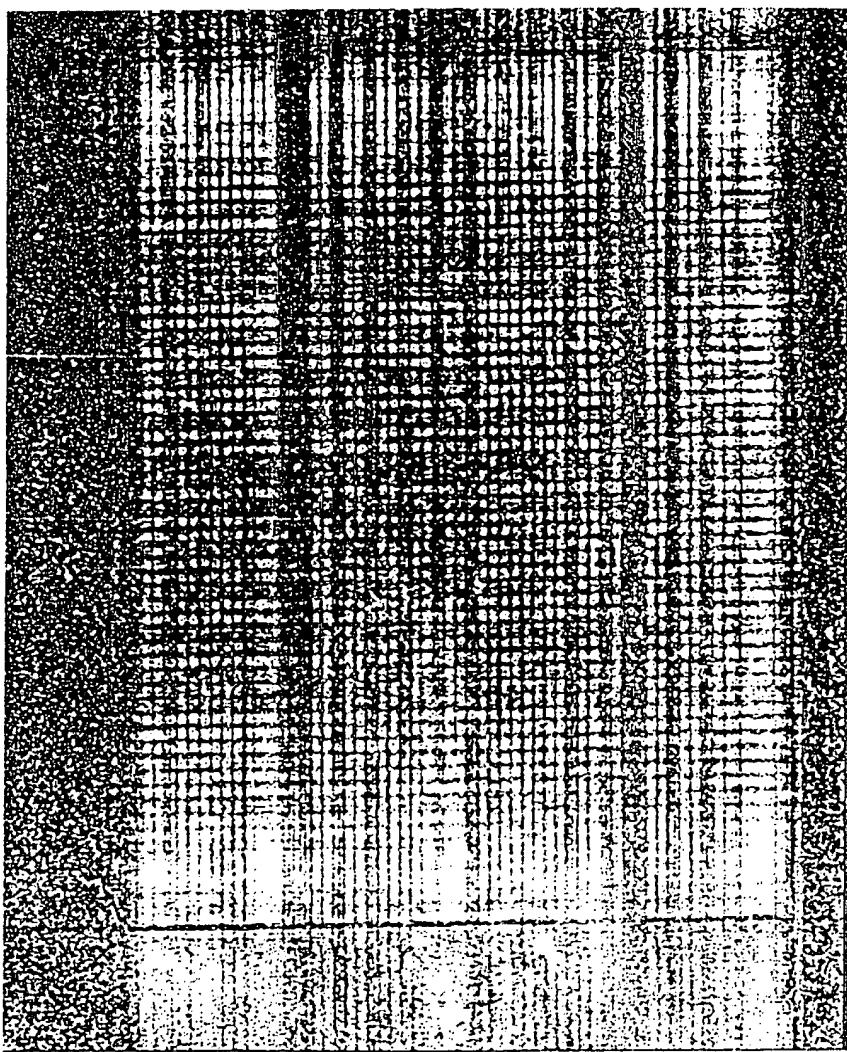


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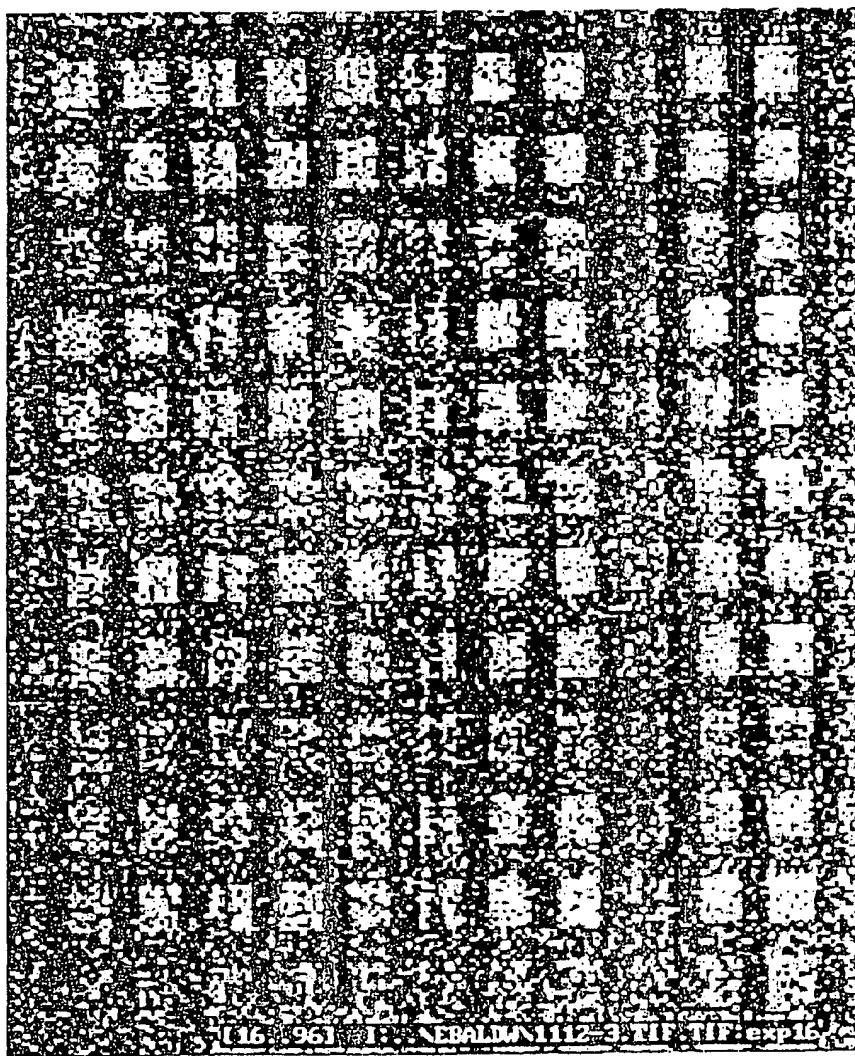


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She suggested we speak to someone higher up and gave me the names of Dick Blumcomb, the Director of Publications, and Deborah Stephens, who works with him, (703) 305-8263. I'll thought it would be better to contact Deborah.

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subsequently washed and prepared for reaction with a new set of monomers. Dimers, trimers, and larger polymers of controlled length and monomer sequence are prepared by repeating the above steps with different groupings of the reaction regions and monomer solutions.

5 In alternative embodiments, the polymers or other compounds of the array are delivered to the regions as complete species, and thus the above polymer synthesis steps are unnecessary.

In a preferred embodiment, a plurality of reaction regions on the substrate surface are surrounded by a constraining region such as a non-wetting region which hinders the transport of reactants between adjacent reaction regions. Thus, the reactants in one region cannot flow to other regions where they could contaminate the reaction. In certain preferred embodiments, the regions of the array are defined by selective irradiation of a substrate surface 10 containing photolabile hydrophobic protecting groups. In areas where the surface is irradiated, the hydrophobic protecting groups are removed to define reaction regions. When an aqueous or other polar reactant solution is deposited in the reaction region, it will have a relatively large wetting angle with the substrate surface so that by 15 adjusting the amount deposited, one can ensure no flow to adjacent regions.

A further understanding of the nature and advantages of the inventions herein may be realized by reference to the remaining portions of the specification and the attached drawings.

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Fig. 1 is a generalized diagram illustrating the invention;

30 Fig. 2 is a flow chart illustrating the treatment steps performed in synthesizing an array of various polymers;

Fig. 3 is a mapping of a resulting array of polymers;

Fig. 4a to 4c illustrate the arrangement of three channel block templates in six process steps employed to synthesize 64 million hexapeptides from a 20 amino acid basic set;

35 Fig. 5a is a top view and Fig. 5b is a cross-sectional view of a first embodiment of a device used to synthesize arrays of polymer sequences;

40 Fig. 6 is a cross-sectional view of an embodiment containing a pressure chamber for holding a substrate against a channel block;

Figs. 7a and 7b are top views of two of two different "fanned array" channel blocks;

Fig. 8 is a cross-sectional view of a channel block and associated flow ports according to one embodiment of the invention;

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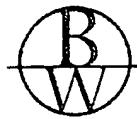
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Log of phone calls to PTO re: 09/498,554 (03848-85586), late issuance of patent.

1/05/05 Blanche Maye said it had been put in special handling 1/3/05 and to call back in a week to see if the file's been moved. Cheryl McLeod is the special handler and sent an e-mail to the contractor 1/4/05 about it and they're waiting for the contractor to respond. Contractor and file is in PA. She also noted that the question about alleged color photos had been satisfied and signed off on.

1/13/05 - Darlene Lyons said they hadn't heard from the contractor yet but give her or Blanche a call on Monday, 1/17/05, to check again. Darlene is going to try to see who's handling it and what the hold-up is.

1/18/05 - spoke to Blanche Maye again. The file still says it's in IDC (initial data capture) since 9/21/04. No answer yet from the contractor since the inquiry 1/06/05. Cheryl McLeod was handling - she's one of the specialists in the Pubs office next to Blanche's office 703-305-9061.

1/28/05 - spoke to Blanche Maye. Checked on 1/19/05 - status still the same. Told me to call Cheryl if I didn't hear soon.

2/23/05 - left msg. for Cheryl. Spoke to Blanche Maye and she will speak to Cheryl 2/24/05.

3/2/05 - spoke to Derrick Rich who said Cheryl was working on this and trying to get an answer from the contractor. Left a message for Cheryl same day.

4/12/05 - We never heard from Cheryl McLeod, the special handler. Spoke to Terry Dyson. Terry said we should fax Kimberly Terrell, the assistant manager of Publications (703) 746-4658 with a Request to Expedite as there's been no change since Sept. 2004. I asked her why no one had suggested this before even when I asked if I couldn't do this exact thing. She didn't know. It may be a timing issue because I asked about doing it on the 2 Harvard cases that are long overdue and she said I couldn't do them because they're in "special handling."

4/12/05 - (703) 308-9250 X153 - Cheryl McLeod called back. Blanche had given me the wrong no. (they moved a long time ago). She's going to call the supervisor of the contractor. There was a query but it was finished. She's going to work on it and 10498-00028.

4/19/05 - Cheryl McLeod said it went in transit to FMF (final maintenance facility) 4/12/05. That's the 2nd step. It stays there 1 week or so, then goes to FDC and stays there about 4 weeks where it gets its issue date.

5/16/05: Darlene Lyon said it came out of IDC and went to FMF 4/12/05 as Cheryl had said, but it did not go on to FDC. She's sending Cheryl a reminder e-mail.

5/25/05: Left a message for Cheryl McLeod.

5/27/05: Cheryl said it went back into IDC 5/25/05, but she doesn't know why; thinks it's probably something that got missed being scanned. She's sending an e-mail to the offsite contractor who's handling it to find out and will get back to us.

6/16/05: Cheryl said it's still in IDC, but shouldn't be there for a long process. Should be out of there in 2-3 weeks, so give her a call in 2 weeks.

7/25/05: Cheryl said it should have been out of IDC 2 days ago (they're now there 8 weeks). She asked me to call her Friday, 7/29/05.

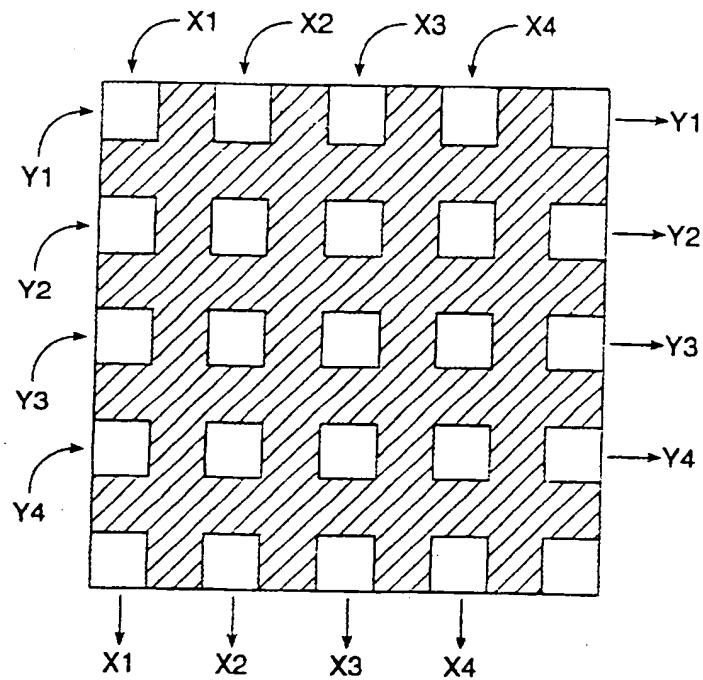


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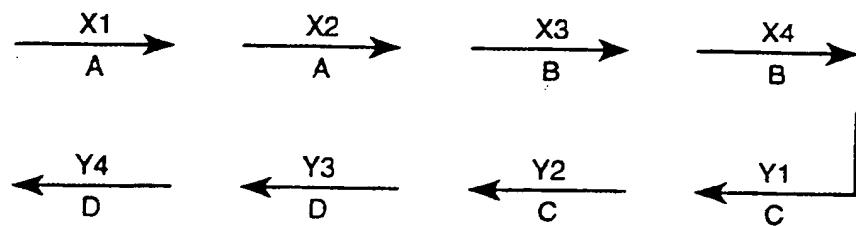


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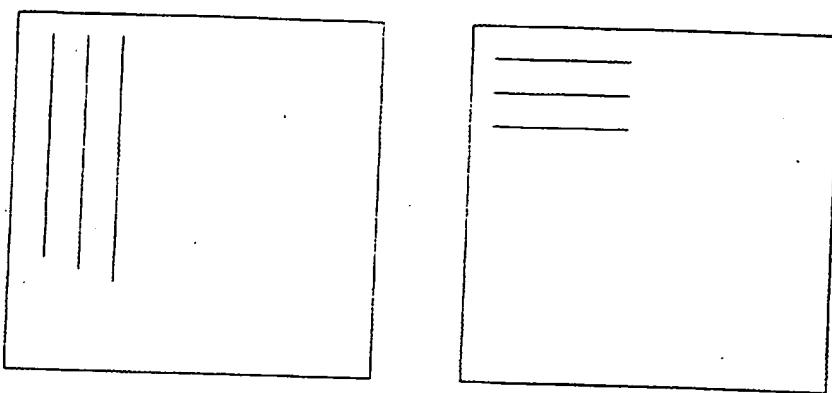


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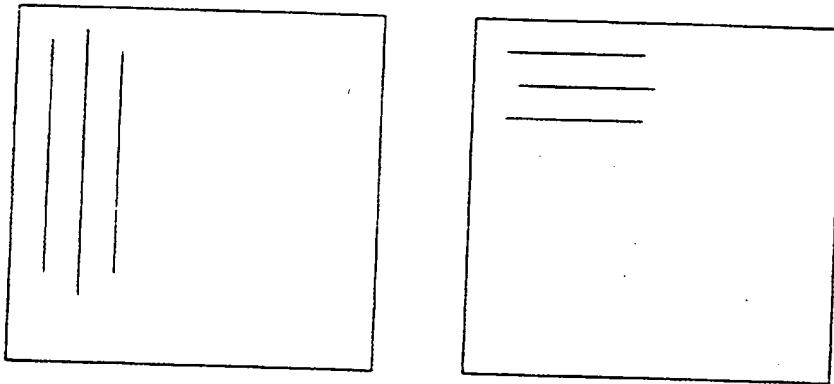


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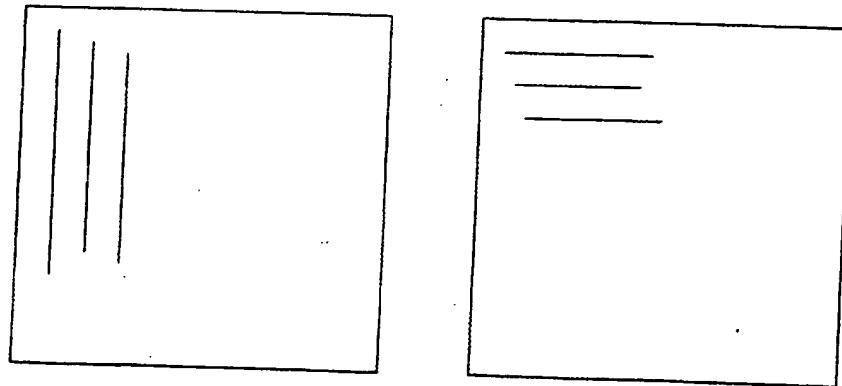


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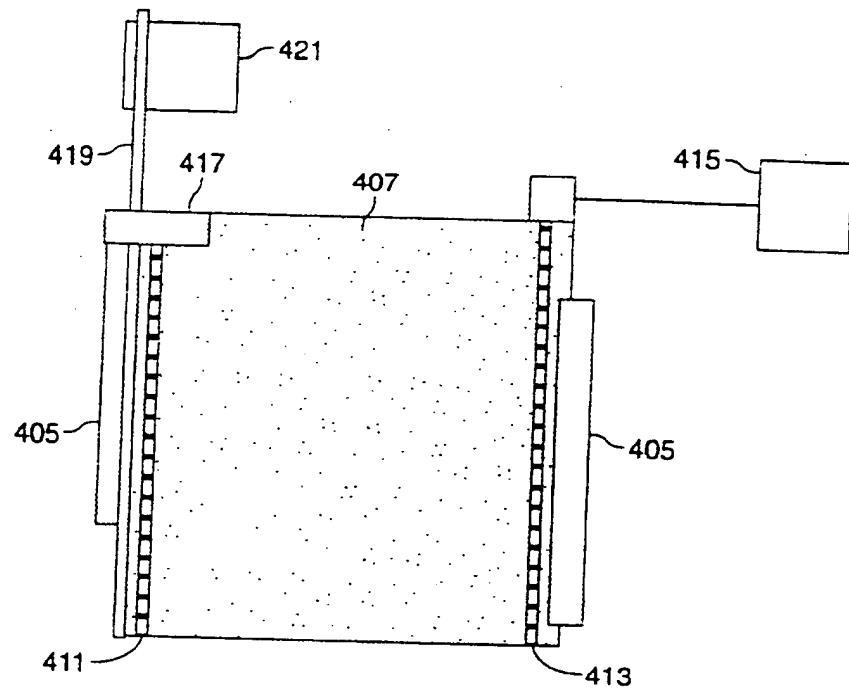


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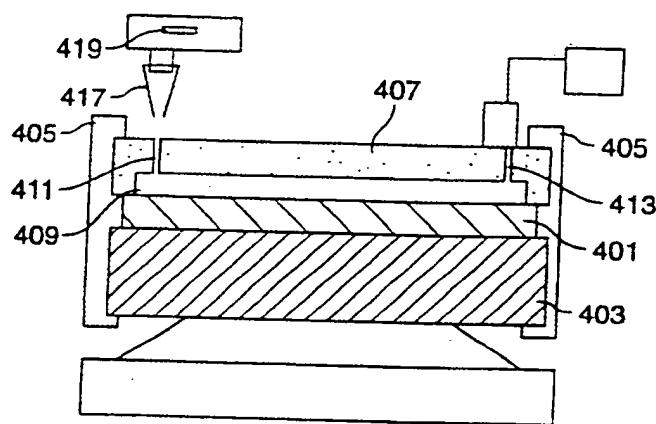


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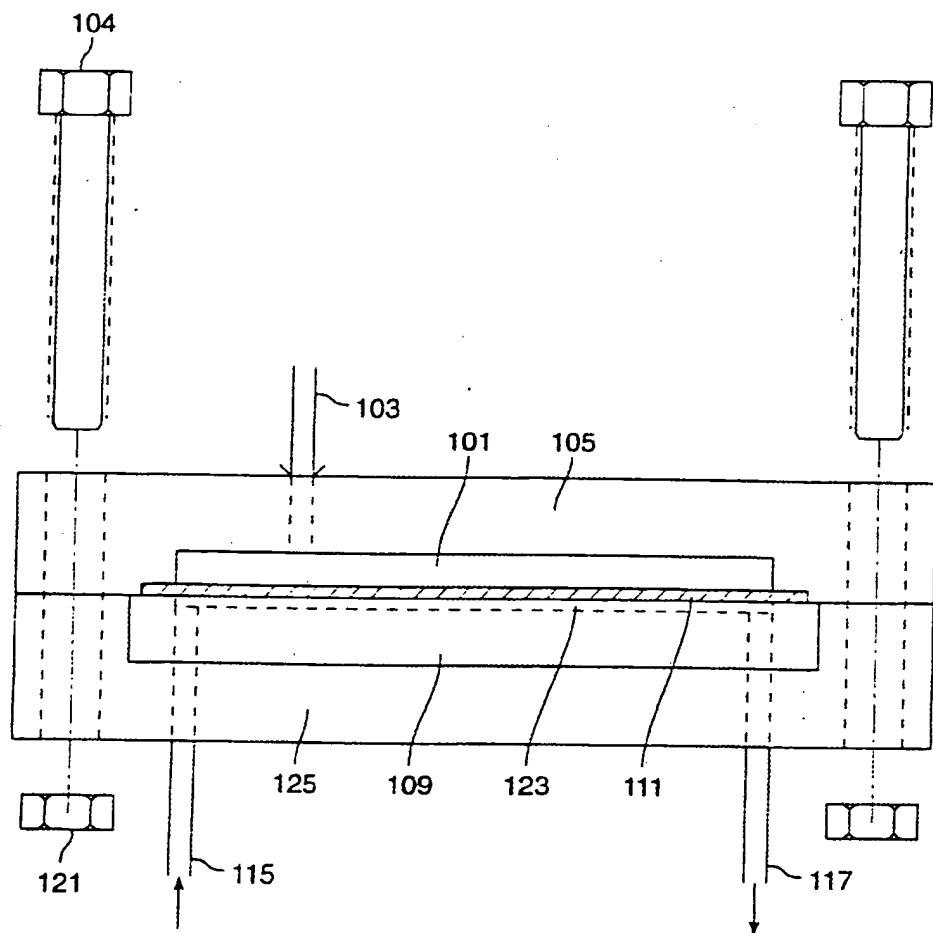


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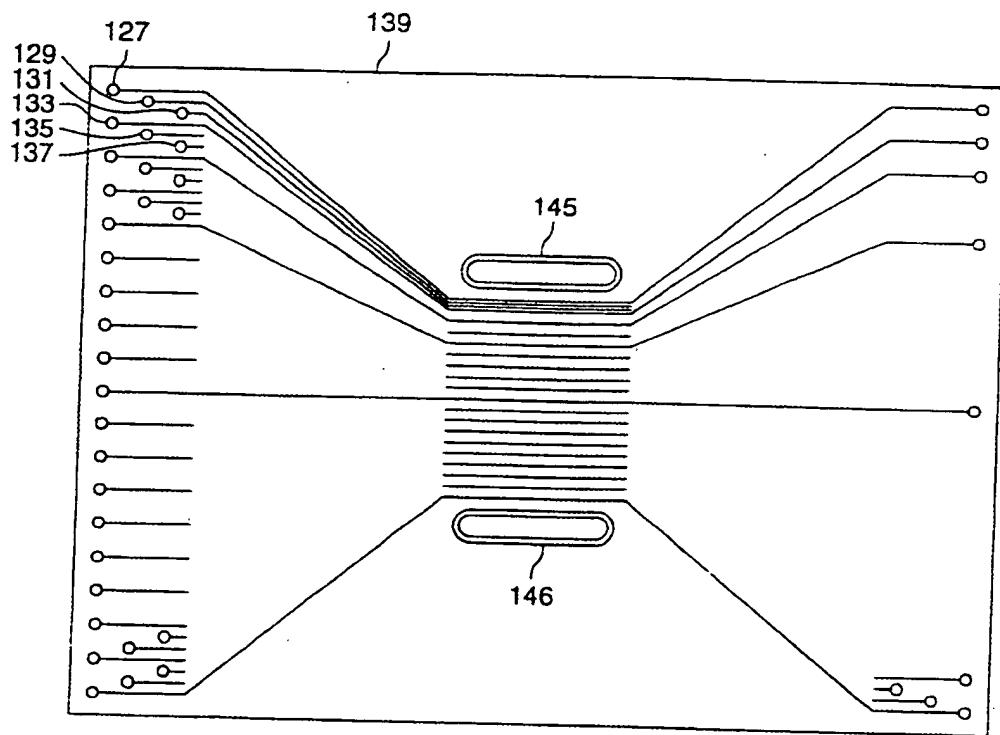


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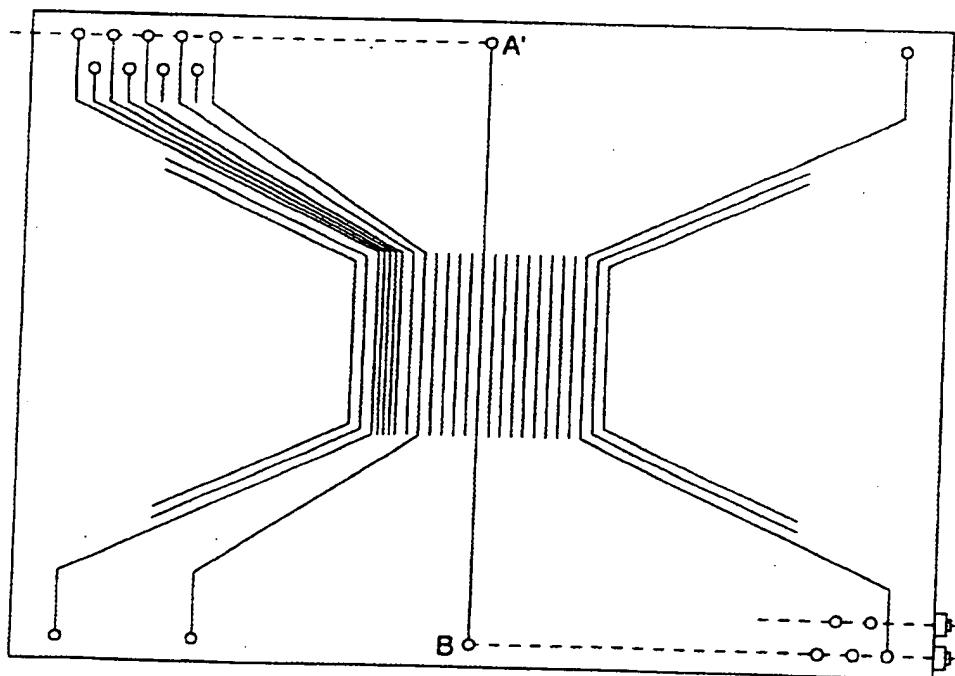


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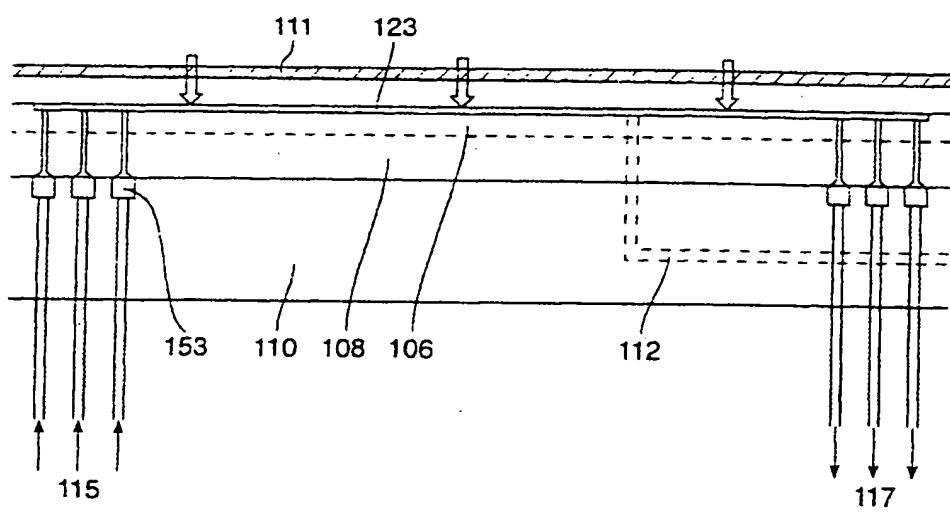


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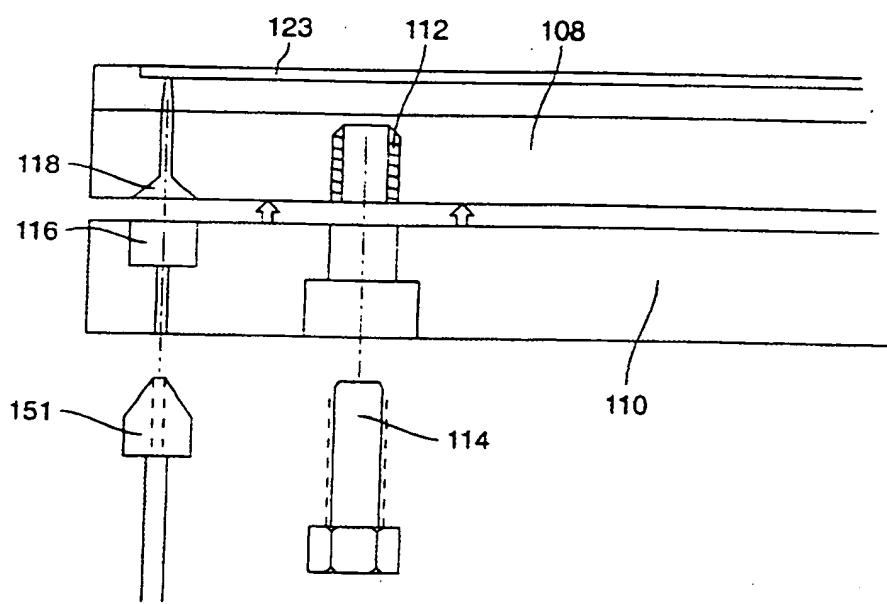


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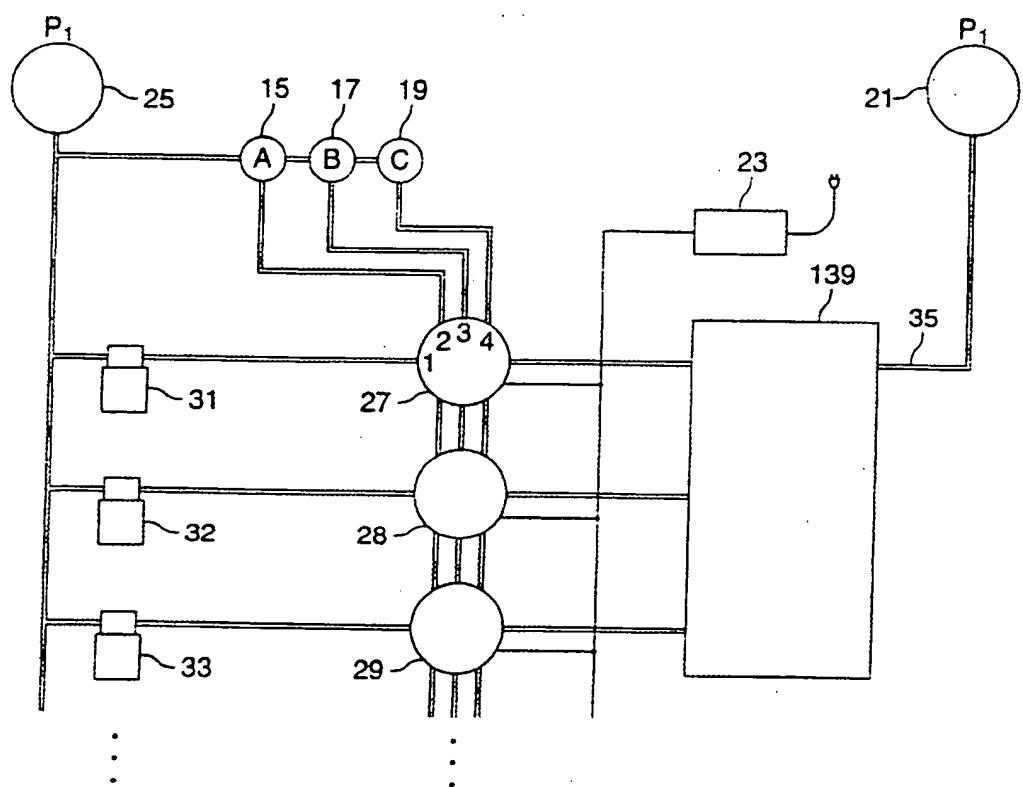


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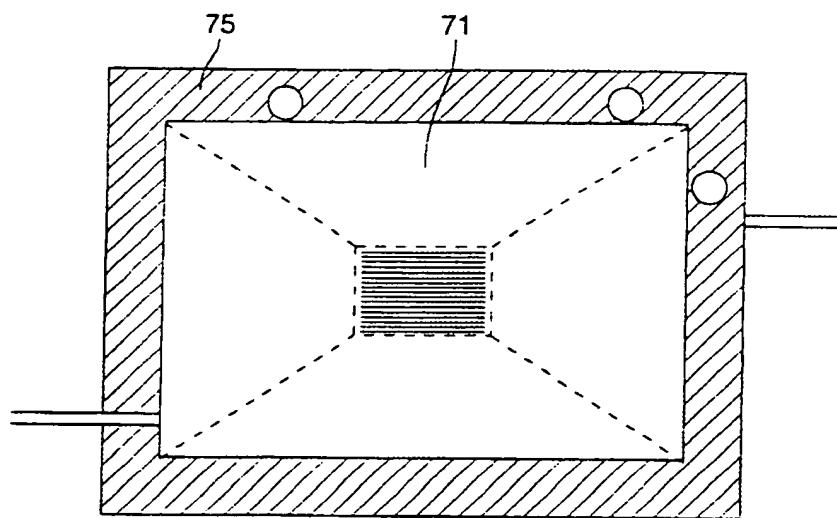


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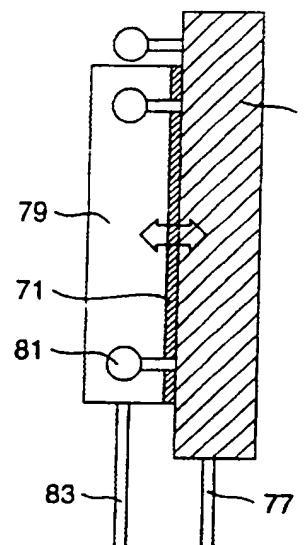


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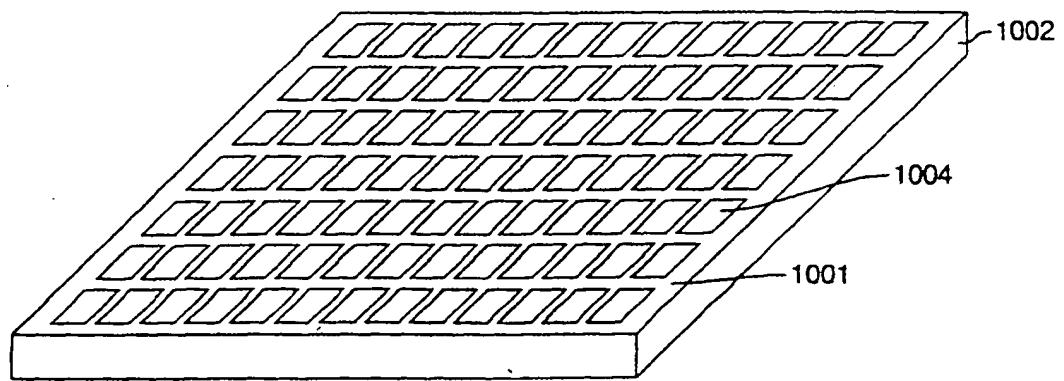
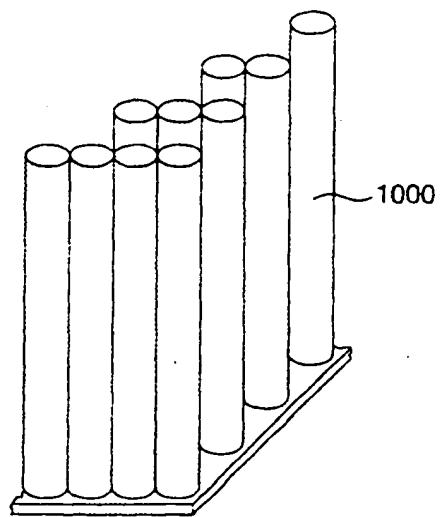


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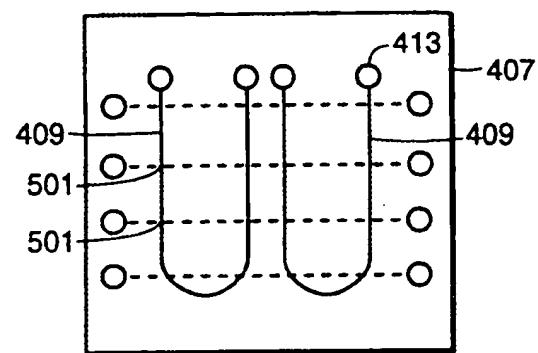


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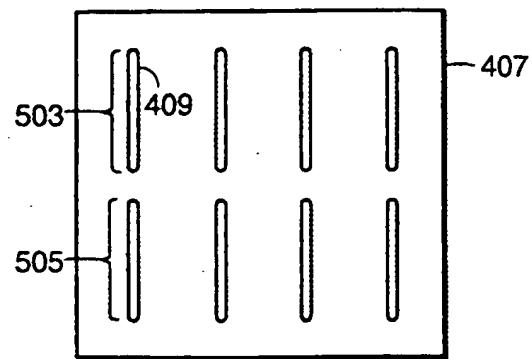


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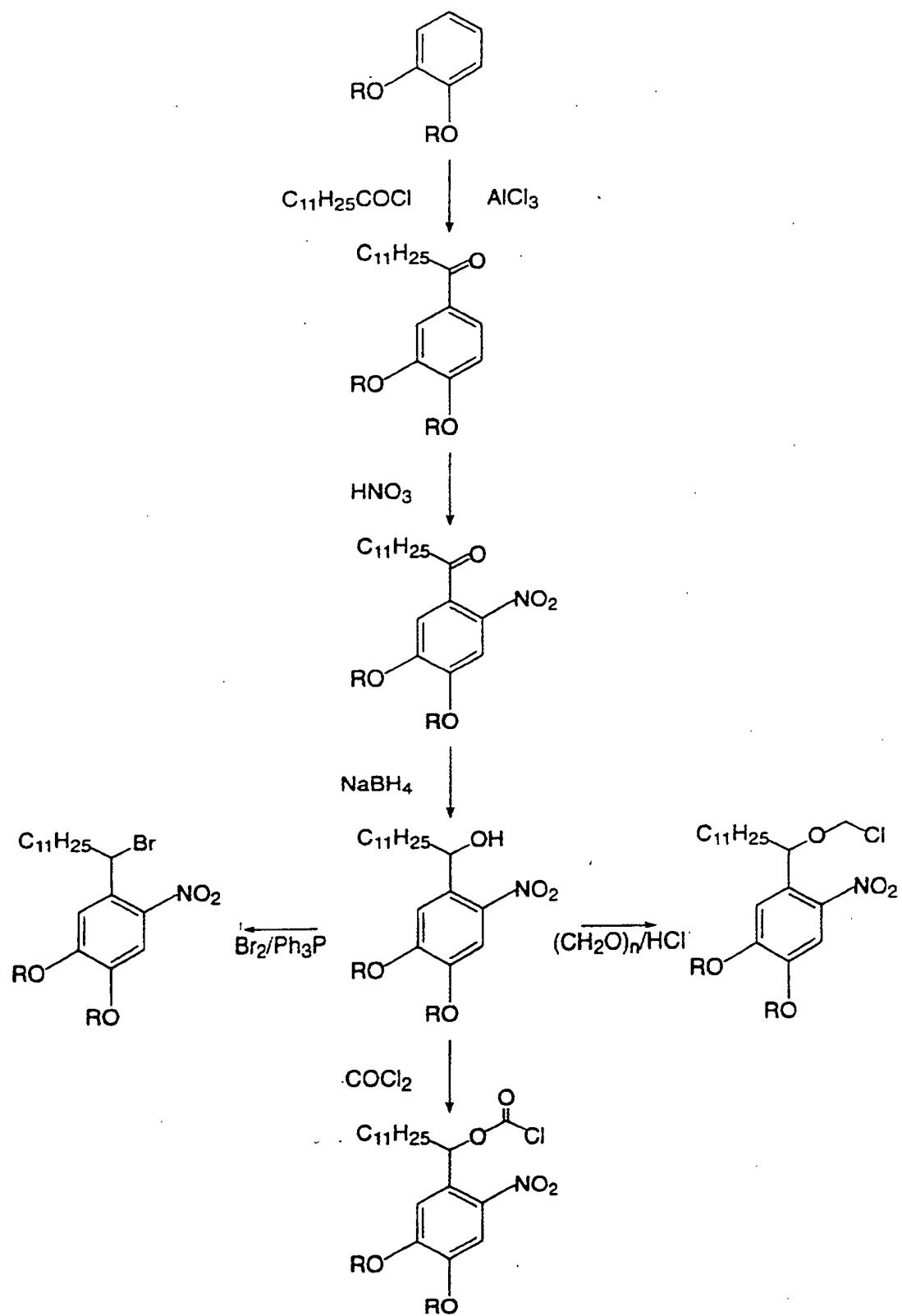


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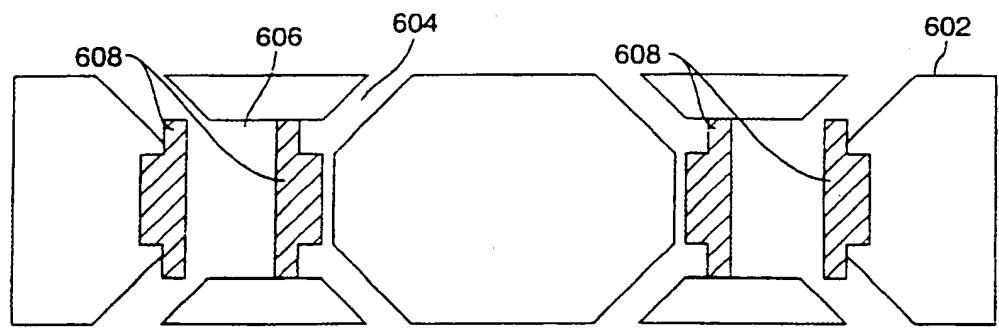


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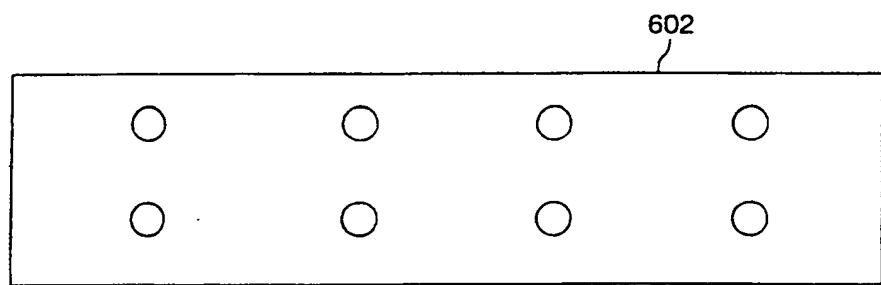


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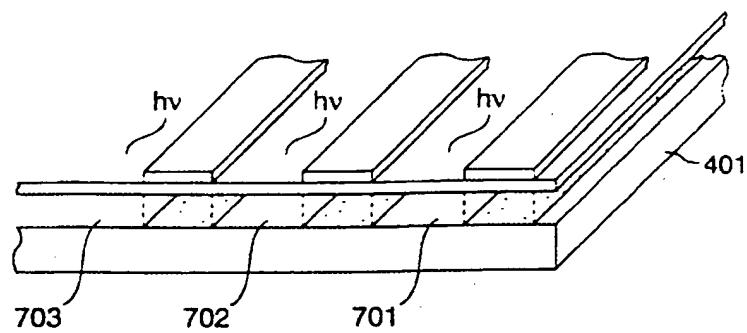


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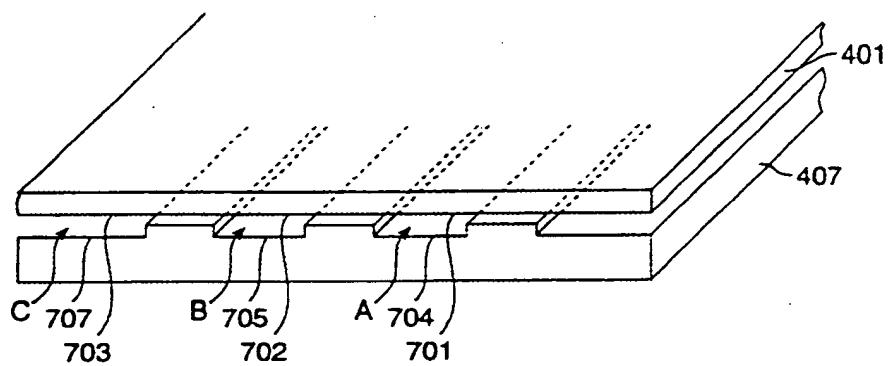


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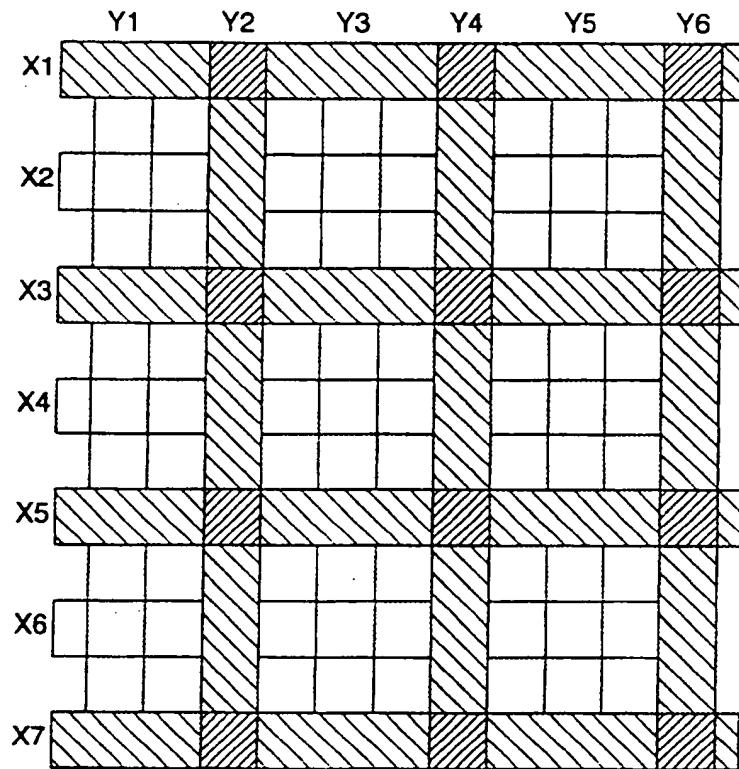


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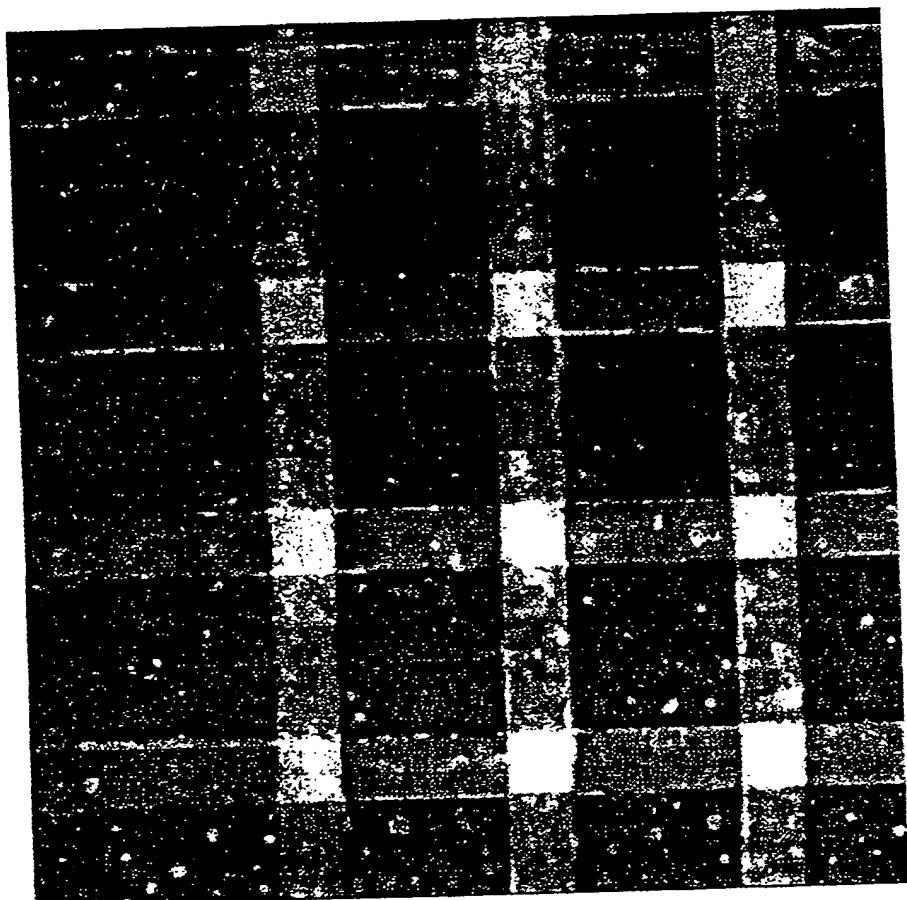


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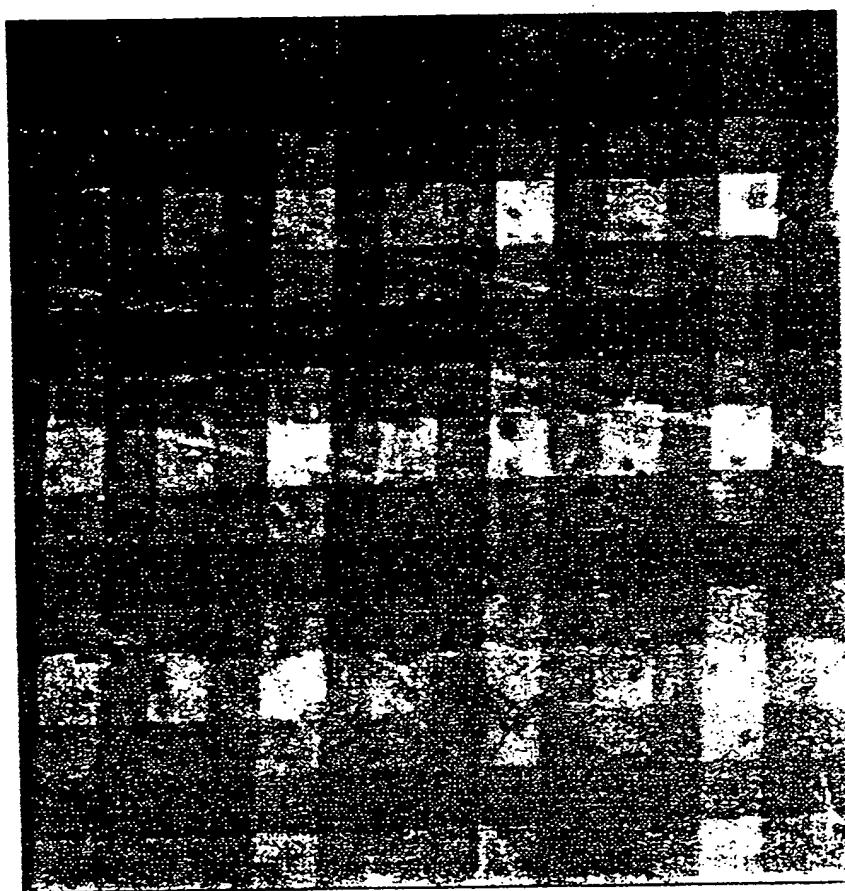


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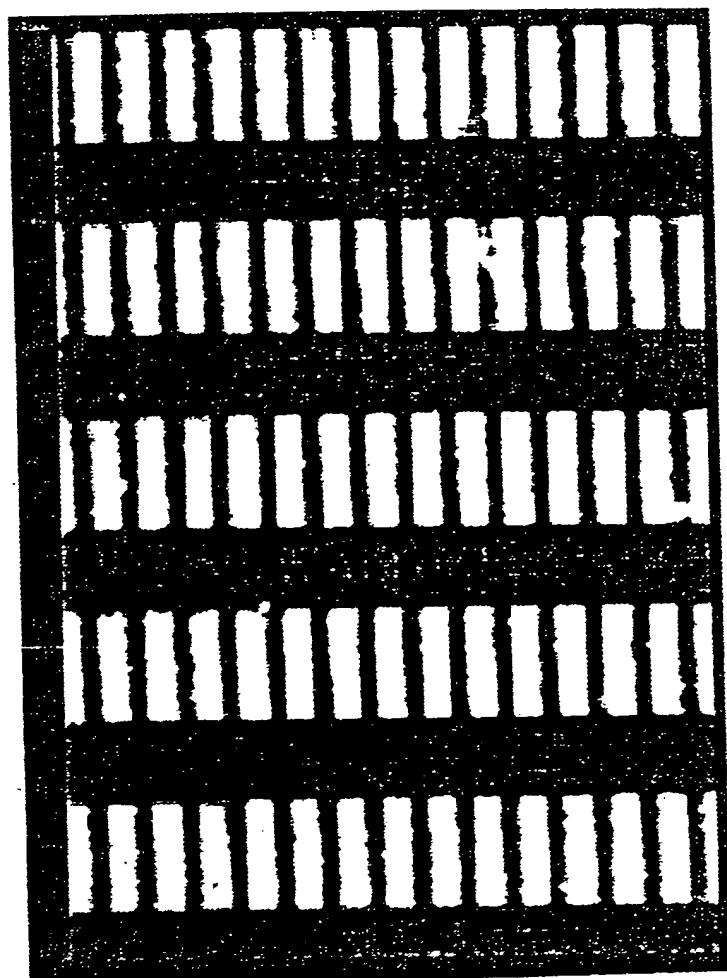


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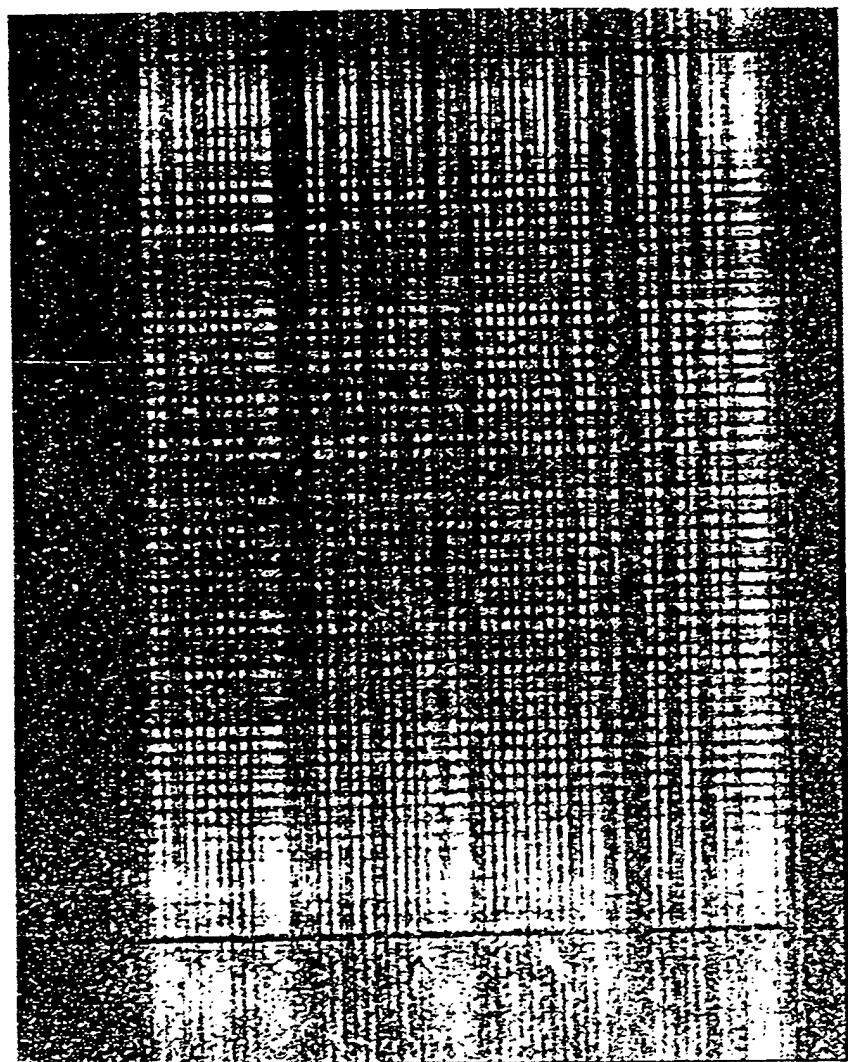


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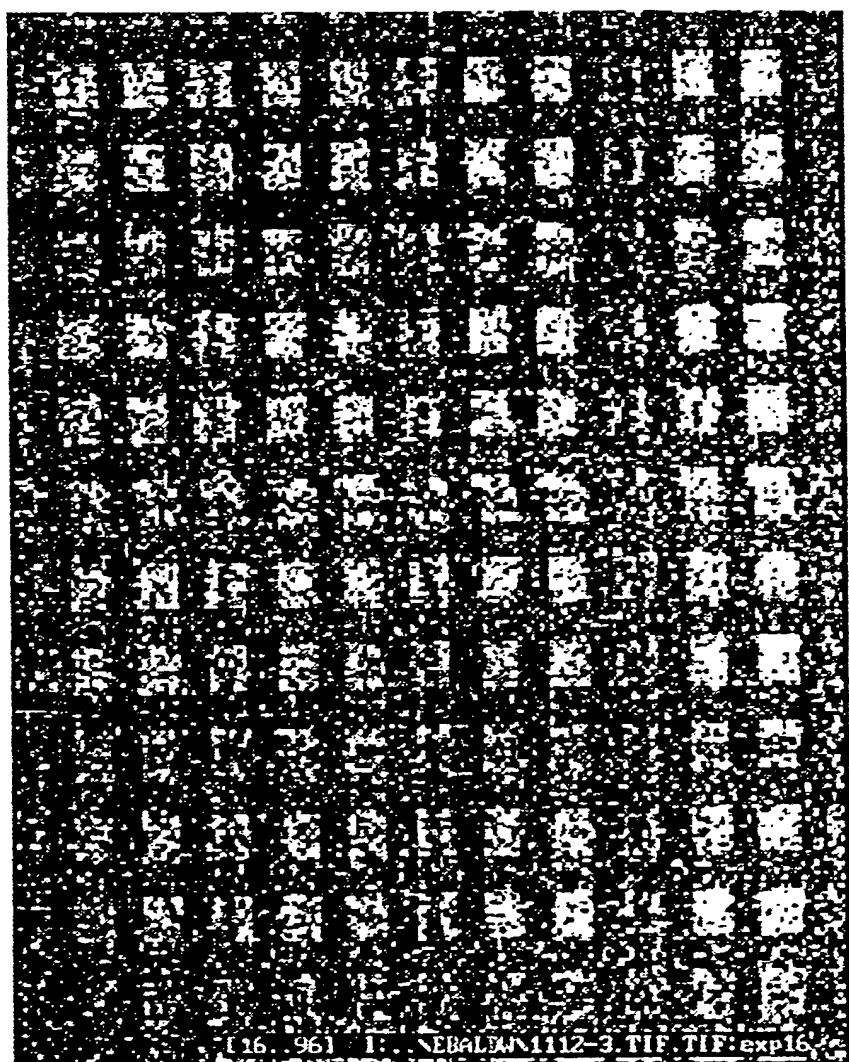


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